

CLAIMS

1. A polo training apparatus comprising a dummy horse and at least one ball-receiving surface located adjacent to and below the dummy horse, the ball-receiving surface being displaceable relative to the dummy horse.
2. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one ball-receiving surface is located to one side of the dummy horse.
3. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one ball-receiving surface is displaceable in a direction substantially parallel to the fore/aft direction of the dummy horse.
4. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a plurality of ball-receiving surfaces located adjacent to and below the dummy horse and being displaceable relative to the dummy horse.
5. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 4, comprising two ball-receiving surfaces, one located on each side of the dummy horse.
6. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the or each ball-receiving surface comprises one run of an endless conveyor belt.
7. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dummy horse is displaceable.
8. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the dummy horse is movable in a reciprocating motion.
9. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 7 or claim 8, wherein the dummy horse is movable to simulate the movement of a real horse.
10. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the

speed of movement of the dummy horse is a function of the speed of the ball-receiving surface or vice versa.

11. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the speed of the horse and the speed of the ball-receiving surface are directly proportional to one another.

12. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11,
wherein the dummy horse and the ball-receiving surface are driven by the same
means.

13. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the dummy horse and the ball-receiving surface are driven by a common electric motor.

14. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising one or more inclined surfaces adjacent to the or each ball-receiving surface.

15. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a peripheral enclosure.

16. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the enclosure comprises a cage or net.

17. A polo training apparatus comprising a dummy horse having a substantially rigid frame and a body portion pivotally mounted on the frame, whereby the body portion can be pivoted from side to side.

18. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising biasing means for biasing the body portion towards a central position.

19. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein the

biasing means comprise springs.

20. A polo training apparatus as claimed in any of claims 17 to 19,
further comprising one or more sensors adapted to detect pressure from one or more
parts of the rider's body.

21. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 20, comprising
sensors adapted to detect pressure from one or more of a rider's feet, knees and hand

22. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 20, further comprising display means to indicate the correct posture is assumed for a particular polo shot.

23. A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the display means comprises a light.

24. A horse riding training apparatus comprising a movable body portion upon which a rider sits, and means for displacing the body portion, the apparatus further comprising sensor means responsive to a simulated riding action in order to control the apparatus.

25. A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the movable body portion is movable in a reciprocating motion.

26. A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 24 or claim
25, wherein the body portion is movable to simulate the movement of a real horse.

27. A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 24, comprising pressure sensors adapted to respond to pressure from a part of a rider's body.

28. A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 27,

comprising sensors adapted to respond to pressure from one or more of a rider's feet, knees or hand.

29. A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 28, comprising pressure sensors adapted to respond to pressure from a rider's feet, wherein actuation of the pressure sensors causes an increase in the speed of movement of the body portion.

30. A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in any of claims 27 to 29, further comprising a simulated horse head portion, reins extending from the horse head portion and a control means actuated by movement of the head with the reins.

31. A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 30, wherein movement of head actuates a switch which, when operated, reduces the speed of the body portion.